

United States Department of Agriculture

Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Washington, DC 20250

Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all of the required paperwork (Appendix I, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters), and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, <u>all Vendors</u> must also be registered in the CCR within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-314

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: March 26, 2007

Fresh Vegetables, Announcement FV-314, Invitation 011

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh tomatoes as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in Child Nutrition and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, **Monday**, **April 2**, **2007**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 9, 2007. Deliveries are to be made from April 30, 2007 through May 30, 2007.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Fresh Tomatoes

25 lb ctn

198,400 cases

## **Specifications:**

- a. U.S Combination Grade with at least 85% U.S. No. 1 quality.
- b. The tomatoes shall be 5x6 (Florida size). In instances where the tomatoes were not packed to an "official" size, a minimum diameter of 2 25/32 inches will be required.
- c. A minimum of 80% of the tomatoes in the lot must be either Turning or Pink.
- d. Inspection will be at the destination. It is the contractor's responsibility to arrange for the inspection.

Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers who are supplying fresh tomatoes are required to undergo the USDA AMS FVP Fresh Products Branch Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification process and must be completed within 12 months or within 10 business days after award of the contract. Vendors or its subcontractors/suppliers must pass the minimum score of 80% for each of the following elements: House Packing; Storage and Transportation; and Traceback. A negative response to questions 1 and 2 in the "General Questions" section shall result in an automatic unsatisfactory rating. Failure to obtain GHP certification within the prescribed timeframe will result in the bidder to be deemed non responsive, and the contract terminated for default. Brokers are exempt from this requirement.



## The Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program can be accessed at the following website: <a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm</a>

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <a href="http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes">http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?</a> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-314, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Vegetables, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-314, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

| ITEM<br>NO |   | ST             | TRANS<br>RESTR                         | QUANTITY<br>(CSE)   | PRICE PER (CSE) |
|------------|---|----------------|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| DELI       | VERY PERIOD 04/                             | 30/0           | 7 - 05/02/07                           |                     |                 |
| 001        | BRONX                                       | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 4,800               |                 |
| 002        | EAST SYRACUSE                               | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               |                 |
| 003        | ELMIRA                                      | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               |                 |
| 004        | LATHAM                                      | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               |                 |
| 005        | DELAWARE CITY                               | DE             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               |                 |
| 006        | EWING<br>HILLSIDE<br>PHILLIPSBURG           | NJ<br>NJ<br>NJ | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY | 208<br>1,280<br>112 |                 |
| 007        | NEPTUNE<br>PENNSAUKEN<br>VINELAND           | NJ<br>NJ<br>NJ | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY               | 464<br>432<br>704   |                 |
| 800        | PORT NEWARK                                 | NJ             |  | 1,600               |                 |
| 009        | VINELAND                                    | NJ             |  | 1,600               |                 |
| 010        | FLORIDA CITY                                | $\mathtt{FL}$  | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               |                 |
| 011        | JACKSONVILLE<br>LAND O'LAKES<br>NORTH MIAMI | FL<br>FL<br>FL | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY | 800<br>400<br>400   |                 |
| 012        | EDGEWOOD<br>LEXINGTON                       | KY<br>KY       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY                  | 400<br>1,200        |                 |
| 013        | JACKSON                                     | MS             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               |                 |
| 014        | ST CHARLES<br>URBANA                        | IL<br>IL       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY                  | 1,200<br>400        |                 |
| 015        | FORT WAYNE                                  | IN             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600               | <del></del>     |
| 016        | GARY<br>INDIANAPOLIS                        | IN<br>IN       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY                  | 534<br>1,066        |                 |
| 017        | BATTLE CREEK<br>COMSTOCK PARK<br>LANSING    | MI<br>MI<br>MI | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY | 400<br>800<br>400   |                 |

| ITEM<br>NO | DESTINATION<br>CITY        | ST             | TRANS<br>RESTR                   | QUANTITY<br>(CSE) | PRICE PER<br>(CSE) |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| DELI       | VERY PERIOD 04/            | 30/0           | 7 - 05/02/07                     |                   |                    |
| 018        | DETROIT                    | MI             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 019        | FLINT                      | MI             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 020        | AKRON                      | ОН             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             | ·<br>              |
| 021        | CLEVELAND                  | ОН             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 022        | COLUMBUS<br>LIMA<br>LORAIN | OH<br>OH<br>OH | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY | 800<br>600<br>200 |                    |
| 023        | ALBUQUERQUE                | NM             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 024        | OKLAHOMA CITY              | OK             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 025        | AMARILLO<br>LUBBOCK        | TX<br>TX       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY            | 800<br>800        |                    |
| 026        | AUSTIN                     | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 027        | CORPUS CHRISTI             | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 028        | HOUSTON                    | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 029        | MCALLEN                    | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 030        | SAN ANTONIO                | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 031        | TYLER                      | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 032        | KANSAS CITY                | MO             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 033        | MILLS                      | WY             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 034        | BAKERSFIELD                | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 035        | LONG BEACH                 | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 036        | LONG BEACH<br>ORANGE       | CA<br>CA       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY            | 800<br>800        |                    |
| 037        | LOS ANGELES                | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 038        | OXNARD<br>SAN BERNARDINO   | CA<br>CA       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY            | 800<br>800        |                    |
| 039        | SACRAMENTO                 | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |
| 040        | SAN DIEGO                  | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |

| ITEM<br>NO | DESTINATIO<br>CITY                      | N<br>ST        | TRANS<br>RESTR                         | QUANTITY<br>(CSE) | PRICE PER<br>(CSE) |
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| DELIV      | VERY PERIOD 04                          | /30/0          | 7 - 05/02/07                           |                   |                    |
| 041        | SAN FRANCISCO                           | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 042        | SAN JOSE                                | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 043        | BOISE<br>COEUR D'ALENE<br>LEWISTON      | ID<br>ID<br>ID | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY | 533<br>534<br>533 |                    |
| 044        | PORTLAND                                | OR             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| DELIV      | VERY PERIOD 05                          | /07/0          | 7 - 05/09/07                           |                   |                    |
| 045        | BRONX                                   | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 4,800             |                    |
| 046        | BRADENTON<br>LAKELAND<br>LAND O'LAKES   | FL<br>FL<br>FL | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY | 400<br>800<br>400 |                    |
| 047        | FORT PIERCE<br>KISSIMMEE<br>NORTH MIAMI | FL<br>FL<br>FL | TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY<br>TRUCK ONLY | 400<br>400<br>800 |                    |
| 048        | LEXINGTON                               | KY             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 049        | YOUNGSTOWN                              | ОН             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 050        | TULSA                                   | OK             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 051        | FORT WORTH                              | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 052        | HOUSTON                                 | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 053        | ODESSA                                  | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 054        | SAN ANTONIO                             | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 055        | LONG BEACH                              | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 056        | SACRAMENTO                              | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 3,200             |                    |
| 057        | SAN FRANCISCO                           | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |
| 058        | SAN JOSE                                | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                             | 1,600             |                    |

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| DELI                                | VERY PERIOD 05/                     | 14/0           | 7 - 05/16/07                     |                   |                    |  |
| 059                                 | BRONX                               | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 4,800             |                    |  |
| 060                                 | FLORIDA CITY                        | FL             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 061                                 | LAND O'LAKES<br>NORTH MIAMI<br>PACE | FL<br>FL<br>FL | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY | 400<br>800<br>400 |                    |  |
| 062                                 | LEXINGTON                           | KY             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             | <del></del>        |  |
| 063                                 | CREEDMOOR<br>SALISBURY              | NC<br>NC       | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY            | 1,052<br>548      |                    |  |
| 064                                 | CLEVELAND                           | OH             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             | <del></del>        |  |
| 065                                 | LOGAN                               | ОН             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 066                                 | LIMA<br>LORAIN<br>TOLEDO            | OH<br>OH<br>OH | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY | 600<br>200<br>800 |                    |  |
| 067                                 | HOUSTON                             | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 068                                 | SAN ANTONIO                         | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 069                                 | LONG BEACH                          | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 070                                 | SACRAMENTO                          | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 071                                 | SAN FRANCISCO                       | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 072                                 | SAN JOSE                            | CA             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| DELIVERY PERIOD 05/21/07 - 05/23/07 |                                     |                |                                  |                   |                    |  |
| 073                                 | BRONX                               | NY             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 4,800             |                    |  |
| 074                                 | PORT NEWARK<br>VINELAND             | NJ<br>NJ       |                                  | 800<br>800        |                    |  |
| 075                                 | ORLANDO                             | FL             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 076                                 | LEXINGTON                           | KY             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             | <del> </del>       |  |
| 077                                 | AUSTIN                              | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 078                                 | HOUSTON                             | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |
| 079                                 | SAN ANTONIO                         | TX             | TRUCK ONLY                       | 1,600             |                    |  |

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| DELI       | VERY PERIOD (                            | 5/21/0             | 7 - 05,                 | /23/07 |                     |                    |
| 080        | LONG BEACH                               | CA                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 081        | LOS ANGELES                              | CA                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               | <del></del>        |
| 082        | OXNARD<br>SAN BERNARDIN                  | IO CA              | TRUCK<br>TRUCK          |        | 800<br>800          |                    |
| 083        | SAN FRANCISCO                            | ) CA               | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 084        | SAN JOSE                                 | CA                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| DELI       | VERY PERIOD (                            | 5/28/0             | 7 - 05,                 | /30/07 |                     |                    |
| 085        | CONCORD                                  | NH                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 086        | BRONX                                    | NY                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 4,800               |                    |
| 087        | LATHAM                                   | NY                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 088        | DELAWARE CITY                            | Z DE               | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 089        | EWING<br>HILLSIDE<br>PHILLIPSBURG        | NJ<br>NJ<br>NJ     | TRUCK<br>TRUCK<br>TRUCK | ONLY   | 208<br>1,280<br>112 |                    |
| 090        | NEPTUNE<br>PENNSAUKEN<br>VINELAND        | NJ<br>NJ<br>NJ     | TRUCK<br>TRUCK          |        | 464<br>432<br>704   |                    |
| 091        | FLORIDA CITY                             | $\mathtt{FL}$      | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 092        | MIAMI<br>NEW PORT RICH<br>NORTH MIAMI    | FL<br>IEY FL<br>FL | TRUCK<br>TRUCK<br>TRUCK | ONLY   | 400<br>400<br>800   |                    |
| 093        | LEXINGTON                                | KY                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 094        | COLUMBIA                                 | SC                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 095        | DETROIT                                  | MI                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 096        | FLINT                                    | MI                 | TRUCK                   | ONLY   | 1,600               |                    |
| 097        | BATTLE CREEK<br>COMSTOCK PARE<br>LANSING |                    | TRUCK<br>TRUCK<br>TRUCK | ONLY   | 400<br>800<br>400   | <del></del>        |

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| DELIV      | /ERY PERIOD 05/      | 28/0     | 7 - 05/30/07          |                   |                    |
| 098        | CLEVELAND            | ОН       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 099        | ALBUQUERQUE          | NM       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 100        | OKLAHOMA CITY        | OK       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 101        | TULSA                | OK       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 102        | HOUSTON              | TX       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 103        | AMARILLO<br>LUBBOCK  | TX<br>TX | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY | 800<br>800        |                    |
| 104        | SAN ANTONIO          | TX       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 105        | TYLER                | TX       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 106        | LONG BEACH           | CA       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 107        | LONG BEACH<br>ORANGE | CA<br>CA | TRUCK ONLY TRUCK ONLY | 800<br>800        |                    |
| 108        | SACRAMENTO           | CA       | TRUCK ONLY            | 4,800             |                    |
| 109        | SAN FRANCISCO        | CA       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 110        | SAN JOSE             | CA       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
| 111        | PORTLAND             | OR       | TRUCK ONLY            | 1,600             |                    |
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